Dear Members, Leaders and Parents:

Enclosed is the 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide. This has all the information you need to prepare for Fair. Please spend the time looking through the Open Divisions to see what interests you as well as your own club division.

It’s time to think about Camp and Fair! We are still taking campers for TOPS camp.

We want to personally congratulate the 202 youth and 72 judges that made our public presentation program a success.

Keep up the good work. Remember that together we continue “To Make the Best Better”.

Lisa Rothenburger
County 4-H Agent

Carol Ward
County 4-H Agent

Remember 4-H is for everyone, everywhere!

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County.

4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age appropriate basis, without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, or disability.

4-H Mission Statement

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H youth development program uses a learn by doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring, and contributing citizens of the world.

The mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.
County Fashion Revue

All 4-H members, leaders parents and friends are invited to attend this lovely fashion show scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, at the 4-H Center. Come see the “super models of the future” model their very own creations.

Judging – Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 pm or Saturday, June 6, 12:00 - 1:30 pm, at 4-H Center

Fashion Revue – Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 pm at the 4-H Center.

Important Dates

Outstanding 4-H’er Form Due June 1
Clothing Judging June 2 & 6
Outstanding Service to 4-H June 5
State Presentations June 6
Fashion Revue June 9
Herdsman's Applications July 10

Leaders May Nominate Outstanding 4-H’ers - Applications Due June 1

Members in 11th or 12th grade should be encouraged to apply to be a Somerset County Outstanding 4-H’er. If you feel a member of your club has proven themselves outstanding in the areas of leadership, personal growth, participation, achievement, attitude and contribution to the total program, you may write a reference for them and help them to complete the application. Applications are available online at http://www.4HisTOPS.org, in Maryann’s Evening Office or the 4-H Office. Due date is June 1 and recipients will be honored at the July 15 4-H Association Meeting and again at the Fair.

Save the Dates!

This year there will be 2 Science, Engineering & Technology youth-adult partnership training forums. Teams of youth and adults are invited to attend either or both:

July 15 - 18
Jackson Mills 4-H Camp, WV

July 23 - 26
Conference Center, NH

Information and registration forms will be available on the website or at the 4-H Office. Leaders will be notified through our 4-H Weekly Email.

Outstanding Service to 4-H Recommendations Sought by June 5

Each year at the Somerset County 4-H Fair, individuals, groups, and businesses are recognized for their support of 4-H. This award is for the support of the 4-H program year-round. If you have suggestions, please contact the 4-H office to submit a nomination. Give us the name and short justification of why this individual, family, business, or group deserves this award. Due by June 5. Send your nomination to any 4-H staff person.
The Somerset County 4-H Association extends a heartfelt thank you to all who helped to make our BIG Basket Bonanza a huge success. To our solicitors, who were relentless in their search for prizes; to our 4-H Clubs for donating beautiful baskets; to all the businesses, friends and families for their generous donations; and to the 4-H Office Staff for all their help.

A special thank you to the BIG Basket Bonanza Committee:

Annette Smutko, Basket Bonanza Chairman; Joe Bakes, BIG Committee Chairman; Kathy Bakes; Holly Dunbar; Brenda Esler; Pauline Kodack; Kim Miholics, Kyle Miholics; Betty Sommerville; Erin Torres; Janet & Scott Szakacs; Carey Szakacs; Jeffrey Weinstein; Maureen Mazzaglia; Susan Schurick; Ruth Schmidt

A Very Special Thanks To:

the runners: Somerset County 4-H Sr. Council Members: Samantha Ross, Christina Ryan, Sarah Memoli, Rob Slovik, Joey Shreve, Willie Sommerville, Wendy Franzyshen, Katherine Pirro, Amanda Weinstein, Pallari Mynampati; and The Country Kickers for providing entertainment

We appreciate the assistance of:

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And thanks to 4-H members:

Mellissa Smutko; Megan DeMichele; Samantha Schurick; Brianna Szakacs

Thanks to 4-H Clubs:

Chap & Spurs; 4-H Senior Council; 4-H Arts Tent; 4-H Exchange Club; Chinese Culture Club; Little Woofers; 4-H Helping Hands; Prep Chefs; Hoof Beats; Wattles & Snood; Pretty Cool 4-H Puppet Club; Woolly Ones; Wags ‘n’ Whiskers; Woof, New Centre Dairy; The Udder Club; PAWSabilities; Hippity Hoppity Happy Handlers; Radical Rodents; Exploding Stars Prep; Lego Robotics; Mighty Cavits and Rodents; Creations; K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye; Crazy Frog Hoppers; Discovery Prep; Just Kidding; Gingersnaps; Sidewinders; 4-H Country Kickers; 4-H Cattleman’s Club

NJ State 4-H Association 50/50 Raffle

State and National 4-H events, such as National Congress and CWF, are higher priced every year and it is more difficult to find funding for our 4-H youth to attend. The purpose of the 50-50 is to raise funds to enable the Association to continue to financially support youth in state and national 4-H events. The NJ State 4-H Association history shows they have generously funded group transportation, scholarships and even educational opportunities for the delegates during these events.

Contact the 4-H Office to purchase tickets for $1.00 each. **Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, June 12.** Drawing will be held in Hunterdon County on June 18.

Thank you...when you support the NJ 4-H program, you are providing exceptional learning experiences for our youth!
Alumni Newsletter for Fair

Holly Dunbar, 4-H horse club alumna and 4-H Association member, is looking for news of 4-H alumni for this year’s edition of the Alumni Newsletter. Many Somerset County 4-H parents, leaders and other volunteers are alumni, and we are asking them to take a minute to send an update on what they are doing now, how they are supporting 4-H today, or to share a favorite memory of their days in 4-H.

♦ Did you attend 4-H camp? If so, can you briefly describe a favorite memory from your days at camp?
♦ What do you consider to be the highlight of your days as a 4-H’er?
♦ What was the most important lesson that you learned from your 4-H experience?
♦ Do you encourage your children or other young people to participate in 4-H? Why?
♦ Did 4-H provide a start to your current career?
♦ How do you support 4-H now and why?

This is your chance to reconnect with old friends and help us to tell the story of how our involvement in 4-H has impacted our lives. Please send your response to one of the questions above, or any information that you would like to share with alumni, to Holly at hdunbar@verizon.net. Be sure to include your name and the name and project area of your club, along with the name of the county where you were a member.

Thank you!

Mark These Show Dates...

Dairy:
August 25  State Dairy Show in Hunterdon County

Goat:
August 21  State Goat Show in Hunterdon County

Equine:
June 27  Somerset County 4-H Qualifying Show
July 12  Somerset County 4-H Qualifying Show
August 15  Equestrian of the Year in Monmouth Co.
August 21-23  State Horse Show at Horse Park of NJ

Small Animals:
September 12  State Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show at Horse Park of NJ

Freedom Fest Fair
July 7 - 12, 2009

Featuring....

The Stars and Stripes Livestock Show
July 11, 2009

At the Horse Park of New Jersey in Cream Ridge, N.J.

Youth Shows: Beef and Dairy Cattle, Dairy, Fiber and Meat Goat, Poultry, Small Animal & Sheep Shows

Open Sheep and Fleece Shows and American Dairy Goat Association Shows

Cash Awards
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For more Information please contact:
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Senior Council Presents

BLOOD DRIVE

MAY 9
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
TED BLUM 4-H CENTER

PLEASE DONATE!

I remember...

I remember...
Outstanding 4-H’er
Applications Due June 1

Members who are in 11th or 12th grade this year, should apply to be a Somerset County Outstanding 4-H’er. You will need to complete an application and have a written reference from an adult 4-H volunteer.

To be considered an Outstanding 4-H’er a 4-H member should be truly deserving of the award by excelling in the following areas. They should not receive the award based only on the fact that they are the right age and have been in the program for a certain period of time.

1. Participation in Club
2. Participation in County Events
3. Participation in State Events
4. Participation in National Events
5. Demonstration of Leadership Qualities
6. 4-H Community Service
7. 4-H Promotion
8. 4-H Achievement (personal goals, etc.)
9. Attitude
10. Example to others

Applications are available online http://www.4HisTops.org or in Maryann’s office at night, or in the 4-H office during the day. Due date is June 1 and recipients will be honored at the July 15 Association Meeting and again at the Fair.

Internship Opportunities Available

Unpaid Summer Internship positions will be available at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office this year, for high school and college students. Please contact Carol Ward or Barbara Navatto at the 4-H Office. 908-526-6644.

Herdsman Applications – due July 10

If you are in high school and are interested in being a herdsman at the 4-H Fair, you MUST fill out an application and attend an orientation. Look for more information in Fair Facts.

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp Counselor Opportunities

Become a camp counselor at Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp in Stokes State Forest. Anyone sixteen or older may volunteer to be a counselor for one or more weeks this summer. Our County Preference Week is July 26 - August 1, but camp is open all summer. Mandatory counselor training is available. Visit the Camp Website for more information: http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/
North Jersey Teen Conference

By: Katherine Pirro

On February 27, 73 teens from 9 different counties gathered at the Fairfield Executive Inn/Best Western, located in Fairfield, for the 2nd annual North Jersey Teen Conference, a 3-day weekend event planned by 4-H teens and adults. The Somerset County 4-H planning team included Dan Lang, Amanda Weinstein, Shannon Zimmitti and Katherine Pirro.

Somerset County 4-H had the second largest delegation of attendees at NJTC with 15 teens! These included Maryann Bowen, William Gilligan, William Hartman, Andrew Hunter, Katie Kouril, Megan Kouril, Dan Lang, Dhilati Oza, Katherine Pirro, Chris Posbergh, Willie Sommerville, Matthew Thiel, Jake Vitaliano, Amanda Weinstein and Lauren Yutko.

This year’s NJTC theme was “Around the World with 4-H in 3 Days”. The goal was to teach the 4-H youth about cultural and global issues.

The weekend started off with a parade of counties and then several ice breaker games, such as the Human Knot and Speed Meeting. The community service project that night was to help make and sew “Share” bears for children in hospitals. After this was finished, the teens got their things for the County Swap, where items made in or representing each county were traded among the kids.

Saturday teens each attended two workshops taught by either teens or adults. Somerset County’s Georgeanne Valis, Katherine Pirro and Amanda Weinstein taught the Line Dance Challenge workshop while Dan Lang and Shannon Zimmitti were in charge of an Ice Breaker workshop and an Exchange workshop. Other workshops included Wilderness Travel, Taking Your Service Global and Developing your Cultural Competency. When the workshops were finished teens boarded the buses to go to Funplex, their field trip for the weekend. There they ate lunch, played games, rode bumper cars and had fun racing Go-Karts.

Arriving back at the hotel, teens had free time to mix and mingle before dressing for the highlight of the weekend, a Saturday night dinner-dance. After being served a great meal, each county was invited to speak about their county and their involvement with teens.

Somerset County’s representatives to talk were Dan Lang and Katherine Pirro. Everyone had a blast dancing, which included line dancing and the limbo!

Sunday morning teens were introduced to motivational speaker, Jeannine LaRue and this concluded a wonderful weekend. Everyone had a great time meeting new friends and learning more about their world. As goodbyes were said, teens realized how much they are looking forward to seeing everyone again next year at the 3rd annual North Jersey Teen Conference!

National 4-H Conference

By: Dan Lang

The National 4-H Conference, held in Chevy Chase, MD, strengthens and expands the 4-H Youth Development program with providing youth the chance to show their leadership skills, along with the opportunity to bring home what they learn to help their communities. My experience was like nothing I ever had before. Meeting a lot of new people and saying “Hi” to some familiar faces is always fun and exciting. I love meeting new people from all over the country who express the same love for 4-H and their communities that I do. Talking in round table discussions gave me the chance to show what I had to offer and to voice my opinions to help make a change. The keynote speakers were phenomenal. They were able to take their topics and present it so every delegate could understand. We all developed a greater knowledge about 4-H and also about ourselves. The conference featured a lot of activities s revolving around Get Moving-Get Healthy. Our Citizenship Excursions, around Washington D.C. to learn more about the great monuments, was also a lot of walking. We met our state representatives and gave them information about 4-H. Each delegate told how 4-H has influenced their life for the better. Each representative received a folder about NJ 4-H and a packet of Jersey Tomato seeds. I will always remember the memories I’ve made with many different people. It’s a special thing when you can make a bond with someone you just recently met. Having the opportunity to go to this conference has given me so much more confidence in myself and I hope a lot more 4-H’ers get the chance to go.
Plan Your Club’s Fair Exhibit

Now is the time to start planning your club’s exhibit. What would be fun for a visitor to do at your exhibit in your 4-H tent? Pick a committee to dream up an exciting display to attract visitors and to show others what you have learned!

Remember the 2009 4-H Fair theme…

Got 4-H?

Foods Judging – August 1

Any 4-H member who would like to have Breads, Cake Decorating or Dairy Foods judged should bring these items between 9:00 and 11:00 am on August 1. These are Open Divisions and rules are listed in the 2009 Exhibitor Guide. Foods and Nutrition Project members may also have their food and nutrition units judged at this time. Pre-register with Lucille Razzano by July 24.

Food ‘n Fun Luncheon

The gym was hopping with fun-filled parties on February 21 for the annual Food ‘n Fun Luncheon. In fact, we set a 10 year record having 6 clubs participate!

Diverse themes included Hook ‘em & Cook ‘em’s Halloween; K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye Puppy Club’s Presidential Picnic; Sugar ‘n Spice’s Around the World; Gingersnaps’ Football; Crazy Frog Hoppers’ Italy and Senior Council’s Mexican Fiesta.

Every member scored big with a blue ribbon! For all the clubs that did not attend…YOU DON’T KNOW THE FUN YOU ARE MISSING! Next year let’s break the record and have more than 10 clubs participate!

Club Camp Weekend

Campers had great weather at L.G. Cook 4-H Camp during Somerset County Club Camp in April, with no rain and temperatures in the high 60’s. Twenty-eight people attended, representing the following clubs: The Secret Mystical Magicians, 4-H Country Kickers, Cuddly Critters, the Four Leaf Clovers, 4-H Helping Hands, New Centre Dairy, Prep Chefs, Pretty Cool 4-H Puppetry Club, Radical Rodents, 4-H Senior Council and the Woolly Ones.

Activities included fishing, hiking, archery, cooking, labyrinth making, bat catching, Frisbee, kite-flying, four square, basketball, ping pong, card playing, board games, crafts, potato peeling, eating and hanging out. Several members participating in the 4-H Walk NJ Point-to-Point Challenge wore their pedometers and clocked over 22,000 steps (which is more than 11 miles). Way to go Gavin, Zach, Brenna and Chris!

Saturday night, a lakeside campfire and s’mores were enjoyed by everyone.

It was a great weekend. To top things off, the campers went GREEN by not using products, like paper plates, cups, and plastic silverware. This reduced the amount of trash normally generated by one half!

Fundraising Activities

If your club is going to be participating in fundraisers beyond the 4-H Wreath Sales and Yearbook Ad Sales, please let the 4-H office know. Thank you!!!

Please check our website for our Fundraising proposal and worksheet.
Hurray for the 4-H members who participated in Public Presentations! They are:

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Ricson Cheng Brian Kober Ben Rizzoli

**Senior Council**
Michael Maglione* Sara Memoli* Shannon Merrill* Jason Ning* Samantha Roos* Christina Ryan* Joey Shreve* Willie Sommerville

**Sidewinders**
Kevin Parlato Katherine Pirro* Karise Vaporakis*

**Somerset Sentinals**
Tim Goetjen Matt Thiel*

**Somerset Trainmasters**
Zayn Aldahagh Chase Brickman Cary Brochinsky Daniel Flynn Derek Fought Nicholas Gagliardi Michael Goetjen* Thomas Healy Billy Quick Scott Pantalone Matt Ramachandran

**Stablemates**
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Public Presentations on March 20-24-25-26 (continued)

Sugar 'n Spice
Melissa Ribando*
Jadelyn Truong*
Tyana Truong*

Udder Club
AJ Stahoski
Debra Winters

Wattles & Snood
Emily Milz
Elise Schwer*
Kali Vaporakis

Whiskers, Paws & Claws
Hannah Davelman*
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Rachel Spinrad
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Daniel Basile*
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Woolly Ones
Becca Francis
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Participating Preppers
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Jacob Bell
Owen Booker
Evan Brochinsky
Sunny Cheng
Francesca Fazio
Destiny Pappas
Jessica Paolillo
Julianna Pirro
Noah Rothenburger
Ariel Staffin
Brianna Szakacs
Ethan Weinstock

*These 4-H'ers have received an invitation to State Presentations on June 6

Thank You to All the Presentation Judges!


We're Sorry!

We missed two Personal Development awards under our listing of county awards in the last Clovertales issue: Michele and Elizabeth Bergen.

Congratulations...

To the Somerset 4-H Trainmasters for participating in the Greenburg Train Show. The Trainmasters sold tasty chocolate bars to help the Sheepfold Club and also sold some of their Boxcars. The club received a certification of appreciation for their participation in the show.
With record-breaking numbers of 227 participants, this year’s 4-H Science-sational Day was truly Science-sational!! There were 14 workshops covering a broad range of science subjects which included our always popular Panning for Gems, Snakes & Lizards, Try It-Fly It and Dandy Dairy Science. New this year were workshops on penguins, rockets, comets, bugs, making kites and rubber balls. Other workshops featured the art of chromatography, force and pressure, making body wash and shampoos and writing secret messages.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made 4-H Science-sational Day a success: Ruth Reidel, Dodda Leelavathi, Jeannette Brown, Eve Krupka, James Thomson, Harry Brochinsky, Theresa Moody, Robby Grant, Gianna Leach, Ann Harris, Meredith Dornbach, Dave Rieur, Glenn Valis, Patricia Anderson, Tyhesha Cromwell, Rose Cromwell, Maybell Cromwell, Kristina Wengryn, Kotie Foder, Gene Sellers, Ken Pomplun, Marshall Hayward, Abner Mathews, Abhijit Ghosh-Dastidar, Urmi Ghosh-Dastidar, Jason Ning, Viola Ning, Harold Ning, George Skie, Kate Peretti, Chrissy Palermo, Zhifu Shu, Karen Fisch and Lenore Rasmussen. Special thanks to all the members of the Sidewinders Club who came with their pets.

Thanks to these Assistants who helped the day run smoothly: Rachel Bijaczyk, Georgeanne Valis, Chris Posbergh, Ryan Shreve, Carolyn Pirro, Dan Memoli, Dan Struble, Steve Modrowsky, Seppi Heitkamp, Nick Heitkamp, Beth Kavanaugh, Erin Torres, Kaitlin Everett, Lisa Weinstock, Patty Lin, Rachel Lin, Dhilati Oza, Jennifer Chen, Clarissa Chu, Kimberly Chan, Timothy Chan, Thomas Duh, Jennifer Tai, Melanie Tom, Samiyah Brookins and Willie Sommerville.

Many thanks also to Debbie Norz and the Exchange Club for providing lunches and Sam Chen and the Chinese Culture Club for assisting with clean up after the event.

State 4-H Equine Presentations

Congratulations to these winners!

**Senior Individual**
1st place Justin Dagnall
2nd place Marissa Scalzo

**Junior Speech**
1st place Kristen Johnson

Alyson Weiss Win Award

Alyson Weiss, a 10-year 4-H member won the NJ 4-H Goat Advisory Council’s Meat Goat Essay Contest with her theme: How can meat goats fit into sustainable agriculture?”

Alyson belongs to the Just Kidding Goat Club, as well as Criations and has recently won recognition for her goat-themed artwork and photography. She was also a 2008 Outstanding 4-H’er and the recipient of the 2008 Princeton Agricultural Association’s Leadership Award.

NJ 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

Congratulations to the 4-H Dairy Club members who participated in the March 28th NJ State Dairy Quiz Bowl, held in Monmouth County. The junior participants were Joe Martinelli, Alanna Steffin, Danny Philipsheck and Kristie Philipsheck. The senior participant was Jessie Brygier, who took 4th place.

Many thanks to Nancy Kirby for coaching them.

2009 New Jersey Horse Bowl

Congratulations to these Somerset County Winners!

**Senior Team Placement:**
2nd place Salem/Somerset: Neha Sikka, Marissa Scalzo and Justin Dagnall

**Senior Team Individuals:**
5th place Justin Dagnall
Calling all Somerset County 4-H families! Do you remember all the fun you had at Prep Camp, Club Camp, or Winter Camp? Were you a camp counselor or attended summer camp at L.G. Cook? Well, here’s your chance to come back and relive those times boating, making crafts, singing around the campfire and renewing old friendships...and we can’t forget all that good food! Somerset County 4-H Family camp is open to all Somerset County 4-H members and their families.

June 5, 6, 7, 2009
Lindley G. Cook NJ 4-H Camp

Cost is $55 per person and includes EVERYTHING! Scholarships available. You can come for the whole weekend or just Saturday. But by all means...plan on coming. Call or stop in at the 4-H Office for a registration packet. They are also available in the 4-H Center lobby or on the website. Your packet will be in the mail to you as soon as we get the request. You can contact Mrs. Lisa Darby at 908-526-6644 or email her at darby@co.somerset.nj.us for more information.

Family Camp

Totally Outrageous Programs - Totally Outrageous Games
Totally Outrageous Snacks - Totally Outrageous Crafts
Totally Outrageous Fun!

Explore the world of science, arts and nature with a different theme every day. Make your own snacks such as yogurt parfaits and homemade pretzels. Let your imaginations soar and your creative juices flow with different activities. Be prepared to participate in the Ultimate Wellness Challenge!

Any boy or girl completing grades 1-6 may enroll even if he or she is not in 4-H. The cost is $200. and includes programs, snacks, games, fun and more. Scholarships are available. Space is limited. For more information or to receive our brochure/registration packet, call 908-526-6644 or email: somersetcounty4h@co.somerset.nj.us Forms also are available online at: http://www.4HisTops.org.
**4-H Summer Camp 2009**

**Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp, Stokes State Forest**

Located 1½ hours from the Somerville Circle, 4-H Camp is one of the most beautiful places in NJ. Nestled on 108 acres of state forest there is an 8 acre lake with swimming and boating, a large dining hall with terrific food, 11 cabins that can house up to 16 campers each, a craft hall with many activities and, most important, a caring, well trained and experienced counselor staff. 4-H Camp has everything boys and girls in grades 3-10 could want to do for a week, including crafts, dances, camp fires, fishing, swimming, hikes, shooting sports, and lots of other kids for company.

Register now! Summer camp will run for six one-week sessions, Sunday -Saturday, from July 5-August 15. In the hope that Somerset County 4-H’ers will get to know one another better by attending camp at the same time, the Somerset County 4-H Preference Week is July 27 - August 1.

The camp schedule is packed with fun & exciting activities from dawn to dusk. Campers wake each day at 7:00 am and are busy until “Lights Out” at about 10:00 pm. On the website there is a sample Daily Schedule, a week in Review, as well as Activity (Class) Descriptions to give you an idea of some of the activities available. You will also be able to view photos of the buildings and activities and download a detailed packing list.

**Programs and Activities Offered:** Swimming, canoeing and kayaking, riflery, archery, rope courses, team building, volleyball, ping pong, leadership, counselor-in-training, drama, camp newspaper, arts & crafts, batik/tie-dye, ceramics/pottery, drawing/painting, woodworking, backpacking, nature/environment/water study, camping/camp fires, fishing, hiking, survival skills, and many more!

To register for camp you may download and fill out the Summer Camp Registration Form on the website [www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu](http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu) or call the 4-H Office and we will print one for you. The basic registration fee is $255, however there are many discounts offered including special discounts for registered 4-H members, multiple family member discount and a discount if you bring a friend. More information can be found on the camp website: [www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu](http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu)

**Camp has a special home...on the web that is.** Besides all the great information located on the website, camp has an additional online home, one that provides the most up to date information on programming and other happenings at camp. That new home is the official blog for camp and it can be found at [http://nj4hcamp.blogspot.com](http://nj4hcamp.blogspot.com)

The camp blog will enable camp to provide frequent updates as well as weekly recaps of the summer program (and you can even “subscribe” and be notified when new blogs have been posted). The new blog will also give a spot to talk about upcoming events and so much more. So don’t delay, check it out now! ...and tell a couple of friends about it.

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**Camp Open House**

Trying to decide if you want to go to camp? Come and meet the Summer Camp Staff, take a tour and participate in a variety of activities. Free, rain or shine. Open to the whole family!! **Please call to schedule a tour: 973-948-3550.**
Got 4-H Talent?

We're on the look out to load the S4HL noon hours with 4-H performances! The 2009 Fair Entertainment committee is in search of talented 4-H’ers (in prep or standard clubs) who would like to perform on the Clover Theater Stage.

It’s easy to be eligible! If you didn’t already perform at the County Presentations in March, a quick audition at the 4-H Center is all we need. For inspiration, check out the description of the Open Division 14: Performing Arts in the 2009 Exhibitors’ Guide.

All interested 4-H’ers should contact Betty Sommerville (908-281-5238, cell 908-635-1951) or the 4-H Office by May 15. Let’s celebrate our super Fair with talent!

4-H Fair Herdsmen

Application Due July 10

All project areas are encouraged to send teens to sleep overnight on the fairgrounds. Their job is to make sure everything; animals, exhibits, and equipment, is safe and secure for the night and that the grounds are clean. Rich and Debbie Norz are the Herdsmen Supervisors and Pauline Kodak makes a great breakfast each day. (food suggestions welcomed) A Bridgewater police officer is also present all night.

4-H members, grade 8 and older may apply. Applications are available at the 4-H Office/4-H Center and on the website and are due back by Friday, July 10. Members need permission and approval signatures from parents, a 4-H Leader, a 4-H Agent, and approval from a Herdsmen Supervisor. Late applications will not be accepted. Everyone selected to be a herdsman must attend one of two Herdsmen Orientation Meetings at 7:00 p.m. on either Monday, July 27 or Tuesday, August 4. Adults may also serve as herdsmen. They are welcome to apply again. Applications will be available at the 4-H Center and on the website after May 1. Deadline August 1st 2009.

Fair Improvement Grants Available

The 4-H Association is happy to announce that clubs, divisions or tents seeking funds to make the fair safer, more educational or fun are invited to complete a grant application. If your group received funds under this program last year, but have a new idea or would like continued funding for a successful program, you are welcome to apply again. Applications will be available at the 4-H Center and on the website after May 1. Deadline August 1st 2009.

Clubs requesting grants must have sold ads and/or wreaths.
Fair Planning Meeting
May 27, 2009, 7:30 pm 4-H Center

Get the whole scoop and have your suggestions heard. Fair Managers will discuss the following topics:

- Traffic & Parking
- Security & Safety
- Club Responsibilities & Yellow Pages
- Supplies/ribbons available at the 4-H Center
- Planning & prep prior to Fair
- Activities & Opportunities during the Fair
- Packing Up, Friday

- 2nd Shift Clean-Up, Saturday morning
- Food, Commercial & Entertainment Committees
- Publicity & Sponsorships
- Maps & Schedules
- Inclement Weather Procedures
- Service to 4-H Awards

Member in Good Standing Requirements

All 4-H members are expected to meet the following standards each year to be eligible to compete at the Somerset County 4-H Fair and any state 4-H event. In addition, you must meet these requirements to be eligible for county pins. These are the minimum requirements. Your club or division may have additional requirements (check Fair Exhibitor Guide).

- Must have been a registered 4-H project member by January 1.
- Attend at least 70 percent of regular club meetings.
- Complete a 4-H project, doing one’s own work with minimal assistance from parents or others.
- Give a community, club or county 4-H public presentation.
- Complete a project record book.

Ad Sales

Thank you to all that purchased and sold ads. 4-H’ers who sold ads - remember to take a copy of the Yearbook & Catalog to your ad customers as well as green supporter ribbons, available at the 4-H Center.

Space for Commercial Vendors

Parents, friends or ad customers may be interested in having a commercial booth at the fair. Space is limited, but the rental prices are good and the exposure is terrific. Contact Dawn Hribik, 908-725-6292, and reserve your space now or visit our website for more information.

Volunteers Supporting Volunteers

Several years ago, the 4-H Association established a Volunteer Oasis Committee. This committee provides meals and water for the Fair Managers, electricians and other volunteers that are on the fairgrounds the entire week before the Fair, wiring tents, etc. This eliminates having to take time out to go home or pick up food. This year, they are looking for clubs or individuals who would like to help by cooking or providing a meal, part of a meal, or snack. If you or your club is interested in helping, please contact Tina Pirro at 732-906-2027 or kmpirro@msn.com.

The 4-H Prep Chefs are already planning to help! Thank you!
Open Divisions are Fun for Everyone!

Show off your creative talents:

- Creative Writing
- A Fiber Division for Sheep, Alpaca, Rabbits, Dog and Goat Club members
- Horticulture/Agriculture
- Woodworking
- Crafts
- Creative Arts
- Needlecraft
- Photography
- Veggie & Fruit Creations & Scenes

See the 2009 Somerset County 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide for all rules and requirements; some projects require preregistration or judging prior to the Fair. In many cases, school projects are welcome.

4-H FAIR WELCOME PARADE

All clubs and/or divisions, should start planning to participate on Wednesday of the Fair, before the Welcome Ceremony in the evening. The parade will gather at the dog tent and meander thru the Fairgrounds to the Showmobile. Crazy hats, costumes, banners, noisemakers, instruments, etc. are all welcome (no live animals). Join in the celebration as we kick off the 2009 4-H Fair! Music is promise for 2009. More details in the July/August issue of Clovertales.

How Sweet It Is!

Once again, the Prep Division will oversee the cotton candy tent at the 4-H Fair. As always, we need your help. Please register to spin cotton candy by calling Lisa Darby at (908) 526-6644 between 8:30am and 3:00pm Monday - Friday at the 4-H office. Our volunteers are very important to us and we always appreciate all of your help. Remember, everyone that spins will receive a free Cotton Candy tee shirt.

HELP WANTED

Adults to work the Milkshake Booth!!!

Did you know that the 4-H Association runs the Milkshake Booth? All of the profits help keep the 4-H Fair free. Any adult may volunteer to help in the booth. In the past we have had parents, aunts, uncles, corporate volunteers, even grandmas & grandpas. It is so much fun that it is a well kept secret.

There will be a sign-up chart in the lobby of the 4-H Center starting in May. Early birds, get the best choice. Don’t miss out on the fun and camaraderie. Sign up for an hour or two and help to keep the 4-H Fair free.
Mighty Cavits & Rodents
by Katie Kouril/Ally Maher

The Club covered many topics at their last meeting: County Presentations, The Small Animal Show and Trailside, where members will gain community service hours. MCR will have the display case in May and members volunteered for different projects once a theme was decided upon. The Club had their picture taken for the Yearbook.

Wattles n’ Snood
by Stephanie Duffy

The Club discussed upcoming events and their due dates. Members are planning to have a club dinner. Katie did a presentation on different kinds of ducks. Plans are being made for the arrival of the baby chicks.

Senior Council
by Katherine Pirro

Club members have made plans to participate in the following events: April 18-Safe Night, April 19-Walk for MS, April 26-Road Clean-up and May 9-Blood Drive. The Club participated in the annual Somerville St. Patrick’s Day Parade. They also had a lot of fun at the Annual Lock-In and look forward to next year’s. Community Service projects included helping out with Prep Rally and Science-sational Day. Thanks were extended to club members who participated in the Food & Fun Luncheon and who helped with the Big Basket Bonanza.

Kings Riders
by Patricia Anderson/Marrissa Scalzo

In January, members worked on record books and setting up a hospitality sheet. Susanna Tremper, the club librarian organized a club library book that members can take out. Susan Lax, Manager of Dover Saddlery, was the guest speaker. She explained how a rider should dress in winter and what kind of protective gear should be worn. Beverly Hahn spoke about model horses and the model horse show. She focused on first time showing because most members had never shown before. In February, Kate, Cara and Marissa gave an update on their experience at the NJ 4-H Model Horse Show, showing the ribbons they won. The club is brainstorming ideas for a display. Each member will be painting a model horse for the display. In March, Marissa & Cara Scalzo gave a demonstration on “How to Paint Models Horses”. Kate McGann won 1st prize for her horse sculpture at the State Art Show. The guest speaker was Pepper Rae from Happy Horse Equine Massage, who demonstrated how to massage a horse and its many benefits, including improving circulation. Horses received goodie bags from Pepper! The club welcomed a new riding instructor to Palermo Stables, Sarah Migliaccio. Members discussed future riding clinics and summer riding camps.

4-H Trainmasters
by Kenneth Rosario

In February, Barbara Navatto gave a presentation on how to give presentations. Mike G. designed a new project book. It’s a general train club books and copies were distributed to all members. The club is offering two scholarships this year and is selling the Weaver boxcars. Members are busy selling ads and the Club bought a full page ad, advertising the boxcars for sale. New t-shirts will be ordered this year. Members made plans to attend the Greenberg Train Show in March, which was a huge success. In March, Lisa Rothenburger spoke to members about 4-H. Joe explained to the members about the Black River & Western community service project. Each family is asked to volunteer a weekend cleaning up the landscape. Discussions began on train schedules for the fair.

Broken Props

The club held elections and new officers are: Dan Memoli, President; Andrew Lubin, Vice-President; Andrew Parr, Secretary. The other officers remain the same. The Club is happy with three new officers and are planning to have a great year.
Woolly Ones
by Jennifer Hunt

The club participated at the Big Basket Bonanza for Community Service. Members discussed buying things for the 4-H Fair tent with monies earned from selling ads. The club voted for some changes in their by-laws. Members learned about CWF. A community service project is being planned at Midland School. Ideas were shared for a Field Day and also for speakers for their upcoming meetings.

Midland Photography Club
by Vitaliy Tevald

The Midland School Photography Club visited the Raritan Valley Community College Photo Lab and Darkroom and was given a tour by Photography Professor Donna Stackhouse. Students were allowed to develop pictures in their darkroom. Negatives were placed in a negative carrier before going into an enlarger. Then the negatives were exposed and members watched their photos being developed right in the developer solution. Photos are then put into various solutions to stop the development process and finally to rinse them off before they were put in a dryer where they rotated around until they were dry and then were returned to the students on a conveyor belt.

Chinese Culture Club
by Sam Chen

The Club celebrated this year’s Chinese New Year on January 24 at the 4-H Center. There were 320 people who participated in this annual event. The program started with good wishes of Ox year, followed by the distribution of red envelopes to club members. After a 10-course meal, the lion dance kicked off the night’s entertainment and performances. With drum beating, lions ran towards the stage from 3 different directions. Two big and one little lion playfully rolled and hopped around the stage, acting like a lion family reunion. Pictures can be found at www.njrvcs.org/gallery.htm

4-H Go-Kart Club
by Travis Kolupanowich

The Go-Kart Club was on a roll at the Somerville St. Patrick’s Day parade. They were the last unit in the parade, but that didn’t make going through driving maneuvers for the crowd less exciting; in fact, it was a blast. Members are hard at work during meetings, giving presentations on all aspects of kart upkeep and driving tips. On March 17th, Sterling Ader provided a driver’s manual that’s a great help to all, especially those new to the Club. Brian Scher provided great information on Lehigh Valley go-kart racing. At the next meeting, Colin Gano and Devon Sixt talked about specific kart parts and offered great tips. The schedule has been set for this season’s driving clinics, which are always a way to learn and have fun at the same time. The karts are ready to go!

Wags ‘n’ Whiskers
by Carolyn Pirro

The Club held their annual dog show and had close to 100 entries. Members are preparing for the State Dog Show on April 25, held during Rutgers Ag Field Day. Most members have completed their presentations and congratulations to those members who qualified for state.

Branchburg Beef, Dairy & Livestock
by Reni Melvin

Members attended presentations, doing well and having a great time. Members also practice their presentations during club meetings. The Club is holding a bake sale May 2 at the Tractor Supply in Washington. They will be showing off different livestock for the public to see. Members attended “Farm Day” at Stone Manor Farm in April, picking out their leased animals for Fair. The Club is adding Alpacas to their list of livestock. Members have been learning about different species of livestock and care management. Members are planning to attend the 2009 Stars & Stripe Festival in July.
Dear 4-H Preppers,

This year the Prep Rally was on the 4-H's. In the Head workshop we explored the 5 senses. In the Heart workshop we wrote letters, made crafts and packed boxes for our troops in the Middle East. In the Hands workshop we had a taffy pull and in the Health workshop we did “Get Moving” activities such as playing Simon Says while on a balance board, jumping rope, dance mats and an exercise dice game. Instead of just learning about one specific topic, we learned something about ourselves, we did something fun for ourselves, we learned fun and healthy activities and we learned to do something for others. We had so much fun while participating in all of these activities.

Thank you to the workshop presenters; Ginger McGrath, Theresa Prenenski, James Thomson, Harry Brochinsky, Rosemary Fleming, Lillian Delazzari, Laura Graham, Lisa Weinstock and Ellen Sept. And to everyone else that volunteered their time to make this a wonderful day for all of the children; Mr. Pappas, Mrs. Pirro, Mrs. Norz, Mr. & Mrs. VanSkiver, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Fisch, Mrs. Valdivia, Mrs. Smutko, Katherine & Carolyn Pirro, Chris Posbergh, Ryan Shreve, Elizabeth & Jenny Frank, Sally, Pamela & Willie Gilligan, Samantha Fisch, Christian Diluzio, Zach Larson, Mellissa Smutko, Izzie Maddocky, Emily Ousouljoglou, Rita Sasse, Megan DeMichele, Christine Arcoleo, Willie Sommerville, Pallari Mynampati & Pratyusha Srikerkolam.

Happy spring!

Lisa Darby
4-H Prep Coordinator

At our Prep Rally in March we held a Community Service workshop for Operation Jersey Cares. We made cards, red, white and blue bracelets for our soldiers, sent patriotic puzzles and packed boxes to be sent to units in Iraq and Afghanistan. Zackary from the Discovery Prep Club received a letter back from SPC Schenck from Camp Bucca, Iraq, thanking him for taking the time to write. Thank You Zackary for participating in the workshop that benefited our soldiers.

Reminder

The registration packets for Family Camp which will be held Friday June 5th thru Sunday June 7th are located in the 4-H lobby or can be down loaded from our web site. If you have any questions please contact the office by calling (908) 526-6644.
Yakety - Yak

Prep Chefs: In February the club had lots of fun with chocolate. Juliana said it was a great meeting. The Prep Chefs thanked the Reese family for the “fun, yummy and messy” activities. In March, members made pinwheels & salami/ham roll appetizers. Juliana, Brenna & Francisca liked rolling the appetizers. Gabriella & Gillian liked making them, Cullen & Daria liked eating them & Evan said “YUMMY!” They also made carrot cupcakes and vanilla ice cream. The Van Skivers showed them how. In April, Kimberly Ono taught the Prep Chefs how to make origami and speak Japanese phrases. Evan said that origami is like cooking. Many members are going to join the 4-H Challenge, Walk NJ point to point.

Discovery Prep: IN March Paul Cirillo came to the club and did a terrific presentation on outer space and our solar system. The club also went to the Johnson’s farm and learned about goats. In April members learned about building bridges with tooth picks and marshmallows in a hands-on construction team activity and they participated in a community service project. They also went to Vandermark-Merritt Glass Studios and learned about glass blowing.

The Crazy Clovers: The club met in March with the Sidewinders Club. Their club did a wonderful and informative hands-on presentation including frogs, snakes and more. In April members visited the Vandermark-Merritt Glass Blowing Studio where they watched the molten glass from the oven transformed into lovely ornaments. Members also launched rockets that the club made with the Rocket Club during their February meeting.

The Little Woofers: The following members participated in the Wags and Whiskers Dog Show in March; Dominic Basile, Rachel Blumberg, Kristen Clerico, Michael Clerico, Rebecca Dry, Barbara Follet, Alyssa Franchino, Leigha Giranda, Alli Maher, Stephanie Patullo, Kira Piasecki, Molly Shanahan and Brian Yansos. We will also be marching in the Neshanic Vol. Fire Company Memorial Day Parade.

Branchburg Beef, Dairy & Livestock: This year the club is adding Alpacas to the list of livestock animals that they show and Kara, one of our preppers will be showing Alpacas at this year’s Fair, for exhibition only. Members have been learning about different species of livestock and health and feed management over the past several months.

The Mad Scientists: The club did an experiment using red cabbage juice as acid/base indicator. Lemon juice, grape juice and vinegar were acids and turned pink when the cabbage juice was added. Rubbing alcohol, tap water, and hand soap were neutral and stayed purplish/blue (the color of the cabbage juice). Baking soda is a base and turned green when the cabbage juice was added. It was a great experiment and everyone had fun and learned about acid, base, and neutrals.

When thinking about your display for the fair, please keep in mind that the theme this year is “GOT 4-H!”.
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**May**

- Horse Health Forms Due in County Office June 1
- Outstanding 4-H Fair Applications Due in County Office June 1
- All Livestock & Dairy Loan Forms Due in County Office May 1

*Dates and events may vary; please check local information for specific dates and details.*
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